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§13–202.

(a) In this section, “safety violation” means a condition or activity likely to cause injury or harm to an individual or property.

(b) This section does not apply to a safety violation by a gas company that is subject to § 13–203 of this subtitle.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a public service company that violates a provision of this division that relates to safety is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$25,000 for each violation for each day that the violation persists.

(2) For a common carrier, the maximum civil penalty may not exceed \$500 for each violation or related series of violations stemming from a single safety inspection.

(d) In determining the amount of a civil penalty imposed under this section, the Commission shall consider the:

(1) appropriateness of the penalty to the size of the public service company;

(2) number of previous violations of this article by the public service company;

(3) gravity of the current violation; and

(4) good faith of the public service company in attempting to achieve compliance after notification of the violation.

(e) The public service company involved may request reconsideration of a penalty imposed under this section within 30 days after the date of notification of the determination.

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